

a very considerable distance from New Orleans, whose inhabitants were of different complexions, not so tawny as those of the other Indians, and who spoke Welch. He said he saw a book among them, which he supposed was a Welch Bible, which they carefully kept wrapped up in a skin, but that they could not read it ; and that he heard some of those Indians afterwards, in the Lower Shawanaugh town, speak Welch with one Lewis, a Welchman, captive there. This Welch tribe now live on the west-side of the Mississippi river, a great way above New-Orleans."

On the same journey they also met with a *Levi Hicks*, who had been captive with the Indians from his youth, and who assured them, that, when attending an embassy, he had been in a town of Indians on the west-side of the Mississippi river, the inhabitants of which talked Welch (as he was told, for he did not understand them) : and their interpreter, *Joseph*, saw some Indians, whom he supposed to be of the same tribe, who talked *Welch*, and repeated some of their words, which he knew to be Welch, as he had been acquainted with some Welch people.

" Correspondent hereto (adds Mr. Beatty), I have been informed, that, many years ago, a clergyman went from Britain to Virginia, and having lived some time there, went from thence to South-Carolina ; but, either because the climate did not agree with him, or for some other reason, resolved to return to Virginia, and accordingly set out by land, accompanied with some other persons ; but travelling through the back parts of the country, which was then very thinly inhabited, supposing very probably this was the nearest way, he fell in with a party of Indian warriors, going to attack the inhabitants of Virginia, against whom they had declared war.

" The Indians, upon examining the clergyman, and finding that he was going to Virginia, looked upon him and his companions as belonging to Virginia, and therefore took them all prisoners, and let them know they must die. The clergyman, in preparation for another world, went to prayer, and, being a Welchman, prayed in the Welch language ; possibly because this language was most familiar to him, or to prevent the Indians understanding him. One or more of the party of the Indians was surprised to hear him pray in their language. Upon this they spoke to him, and finding that he could understand their speech, they got the sentence of death reversed : and thus this happy circumstance was the means of saving his life.